## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

Chapter 11

FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., et al.,1

Case No. 24-12480 (LSS)

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

Ref. Dkt. Nos. 1073 & 1180

ORDER GRANTING FIRST INTERIM APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF PROVINCE, LLC, AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

Province, LLC ("<u>Province</u>"), as financial advisor to the official committee of unsecured creditors (the "<u>Committee</u>") in the above-captioned cases, filed its *First Interim Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Province, LLC as Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Period from November 21, 2024 through January 31, 2025 (the "<u>First Interim Fee Application</u>") [Docket No. 1073]. The Court has reviewed the First Interim Fee Application and finds that: (a) the Court has jurisdiction over this* 

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225), Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc. (2436), Freedom Receivables II, LLC (4066), Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc. (0028), Freedom VCM Interco, Inc. (3661), Freedom VCM, Inc. (3091), Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC (0444), American Freight FFO, LLC (5743), Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC (3068), Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC (1587), Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC (9486), Franchise Group Newco Intermediate AF, LLC (8288), American Freight Group, LLC (2066), American Freight Holdings, LLC (8271), American Freight, LLC (5940), American Freight Management Company, LLC (1215), Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC (5408), Franchise Group Newco S, LLC (1814), American Freight Franchising, LLC (1353), Home & Appliance Outlet, LLC (n/a), American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC (9573), American Freight Franchisor, LLC (2123), Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC (7836), Buddy's Newco, LLC (5404), Buddy's Franchising and Licensing LLC (9968), Franchise Group Intermediate V, LLC (5958), Franchise Group Newco V, LLC (9746), Franchise Group Intermediate BHF, LLC (8260); Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC (4123); Valor Acquisition, LLC (3490), Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC (3785), Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC (1168), Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC (6298), Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC (8021), Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC (8271), Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC (6590), Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC (0470), Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC (5965), Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC (2323), PSP Midco, LLC (6507), Pet Supplies "Plus", LLC (5852), PSP Group, LLC (5944), PSP Service Newco, LLC (6414), WNW Franchising, LLC (9398), WNW Stores, LLC (n/a), PSP Stores, LLC (9049), PSP Franchising, LLC (4978), PSP Subco, LLC (6489), PSP Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Debtors' headquarters is located at 109 Innovation Court, Suite J, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

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matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (b) notice of the First Interim Fee Application, (c)

the Fee Examiner's Final Report Regarding First Interim Fee Application Request of Province,

LLC, (d) any hearing on the First Interim Fee Application, was adequate under the circumstances;

and (e) all persons with standing have been afforded the opportunity to be heard on the First

Interim Fee Application. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the First Interim Fee Application is GRANTED, on an interim basis as set

forth herein. Province is allowed an interim award of fees and expenses in the aggregate amount

of \$2,654,805.09 (the "Interim Award") for services rendered and disbursements incurred by

Province for the period November 21, 2024 through January 31, 2025. The Interim Award takes

into account a voluntary reduction of \$10,493.50 in fees and \$186.51 in expenses as agreed to by

Province and the Fee Examiner<sup>2</sup>. The Debtors are directed to pay the Interim Award to Province

less any amounts previously paid in connection with the Monthly Fee Applications.

ORDERED that this Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or

related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

<sup>2</sup> As set forth in the Fee Examiner's Report, Province has agreed to a volume \$10,493.50 and its expenses in the amount of \$186.51 for the fee period of

Dated: September 22nd, 2025 Wilmington, Delaware LAURIE SELBER SILVERSTEIN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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